

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

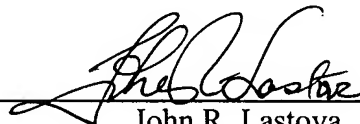
Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 19, 25 and the allowance of claim 20. To advance prosecution, claim 1 now incorporates the subject matter of allowable claim 19, and claim 21 now incorporates the subject matter of allowable claim 25. Claim 10 is amended to correspond to allowed claim 20, which is now canceled.

The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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